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This communication is responsive to the outstanding Office Action mailed on November 14, 2006, and includes the following sections:

- Listing of Claims, beginning on page 2; and
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Terminal Disclaimers are also enclosed with this response, together with Credit Card authorization for the Terminal Disclaimer fees.

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